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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/53/101, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 1 January 1999.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mrs. Nazareth A. **Incera** (Costa Rica);

Mr. Ahmad **Kamal** (Pakistan);

Mr. Rajat **Saha** (India);

Ms. Susan **Shearouse** (United States of America);

Mr. Klaus **Stein** (Germany);

Mr. **Tang** Guangting (China);

Mr. Nicholas **Thorne** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

Mr. Fumiaka **Toya** (Japan);

Mr. Gian Luigi **Valenza** (Italy).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Nazareth A. Incera

Born 18 July 1941 in Costa Rica

Education

1988	New York University Multinational Institute of American Studies on contemporary American politics
1962	Sacro Cuore University Milan, Italy Psychology Tester
1963	University of Southern Mississippi Business administration, psychology

Professional experience

1996–present	Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1990–1996	Minister, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1984–1989	Minister Counsellor Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations
1978–1983	Counsellor Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations, New York
1972–1978	Consul, New York
1967–1972	Consul, Milan, Italy
1964–1967	Vice-Consul, Milan, Italy

Professional responsibilities

1997–present	Representative of Costa Rica to the Security Council (European issues)
1997–present	Representative of Costa Rica to the Caucus of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Security Council
1997–present	Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee (finance and budgetary issues) of the United Nations
1996	Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (Fifth Committee issues)
1992–1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Second Committee (economic issues)
1985–present	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries
1982–1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Group of 77
1982–1984	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fourth Committee (decolonization) and the Committee on Information

1982–present	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fifth Committee
1972–1980	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Plenary of the General Assembly

International meetings

1977	Head of the Delegation of Costa Rica Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries New Delhi
1995	Delegate of Costa Rica at the Summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries Cartagena, Colombia
1994	Head of the Delegation of Costa Rica at the Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries Bandon, Indonesia

Seminars

1991	United Nations Institute for Training and Research Workshop programme on International Affairs (peacekeeping operations)
1982	World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank Washington, D.C.

Languages

Working knowledge: Spanish, English, Italian
Basic knowledge: French

Ahmad Kamal

Education

1962	Carnegie Foundation Fellowship in International Economic Diplomacy, London School of Economics
1961	M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, United States of America
1959	Diplômé de l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques, University of Paris
1956	B.A. (Honours in Economics), University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Diplomatic experience

1995–present	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, New York.
1988–1995	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. Accredited to the Conference on Disarmament, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Human Rights Commission, the High Commission for Refugees, and to all other Geneva-based United Nations specialized agencies, such as the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, etc. Chief negotiator of Pakistan in the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations.
1986–1988	Additional Foreign Secretary of the Government of Pakistan. (Responsible for the supervision of four divisions: (a) United Nations and other international organizations; (b) economic coordination; (c) legal and treaty affairs; and (d) Africa.)
1984–1986	Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Korea. (Established Pakistan's first Embassy to South Korea. Initiated trade between the two countries totalling $240 million annually.)
1979–1984	Advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. (Responsible at D-2 level, among other aspects, for the $500 million OIC programme of assistance to the 10 African Sahel countries affected by drought.)
1960–1979	Various diplomatic positions in the Pakistan Embassies in Moscow, Paris, Brussels and New Delhi.

Publications

Numerous articles and public speeches on a wide range of subjects covering disarmament, human rights and trade issues. Recent publications include:

- "Regional Disarmament – A South Asian Perspective" (Tenth Regional Disarmament Meeting in the Asia Pacific Region, Kathmandu, 1998).

- "The Chemical Weapons Convention Today" (Bulletin of the American Federation of Scientists, 1998).
- "Sustainable Development – The United Nations in the 21st Century" (Wilton House Seminar Papers, November 1997).
- "The Year 2000 Challenge – the United Nations Strategy" (Hearings of the Sub-Committee on Technology of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., November 1997).
- "The Informatics Revolution and its Impact on the United Nations" (AIT/BCUN Symposium, New York, 1997).
- "The Missile Technology Control Regime – Destabilising Impact on South Asia" (United Nations Disarmament Conference Papers, Sapporo, 1997).
- "The Right to Self Determination – the Jammu and Kashmir Dispute" (Princeton University Round-Table on Self-Determination, Princeton, 1997).
- "Habitat and Cyberspace" (United Nations Development Programme Habitat Symposium Papers, Marmaris, 1996).
- "21st Century World Government for the Guarantee of Everybody's Rights" (ManiTese Symposium Papers, Florence, 1995).
- "The Regional Dimension in Conflict Resolution" (Southern Methodist University, Arms Control Conference Papers, Dallas, 1995).
- "The United Nations and the Crisis of Development" (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Symposium Papers, Bonn, 1995).
- "Disarmament and Development: From Military Spending to Social Development" (ECAAR Symposium Papers, San Francisco, 1995).
- "Nuclear Non-Proliferation Issues in South Asia" (New Horizons and Challenges in Arms Control and Verification, published in 1994 by the University Press, Amsterdam).
- "The Non-Proliferation Treaty: Alternatives and Parallel Measures" (Oxford Research Group Symposium Papers, published in August 1994 by the United Nations Institute of Disarmament and Research).
- "Transparency in Armaments – A Regional Perspective" (Disarmament – Topical Paper No. 16, published in 1993 by the United Nations).
- "The Chemical Weapons Convention – Some Particular Concerns of Developing Countries" (The Chemical Weapons Convention Bulletin, published in May 1989 by the Federation of American Scientists).

Public speeches

Frequent guest speaker at several universities and schools (New York University, Southern Methodist University, Harvard Business School, Wharton Business School, Kellogg Business School, etc.) and over the electronic media (CNN, PBS, etc.).

Honours

Tamgha-e-Pakistan (Pakistan medal)
Government of Pakistan, 1971.

Gwanghwa Medal (Order of Diplomatic Service Merit), Government of the Republic of Korea, 1987.

Medal of Honour, Kyonghi University, Republic of Korea, 1987.

Honorary doctorate in Public Administration, Myongji University, Republic of Korea, 1987.

Languages

Fluent in English, French and Urdu.
Conversant with Russian and Arabic.
Basic notions of Korean, German, Spanish and Italian.

Hobbies

Informatics, information technology and computers.

Personal particulars

Born 9 April 1938.
Married to Asthma Kamal.
Two children, Omar Kamal and Ayesha Kamal.

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Rajat Saha

Born 28 August 1949 at Calcutta, India.
Married with two children.

Academic background

Graduated with Honours in Physics from Scottish Church College, University of Calcutta.

Languages spoken

English, Bengali, Hindi and Bhasa Thai.

Previous professional experience

1977	Joined the Indian Foreign Service.
1979–1981	Third/Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Bangkok. Functioned as Head of Chancery.
1982–1985	Second/First Secretary, Embassy of India, Seoul. Responsible for Economic and Commercial Divisions.
1986	Under-Secretary, Foreign Service Training Institute.
1987–1988	Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs.
1988–1991	First Secretary/Counsellor, Embassy of India, Berne, Switzerland. Functioned as Head of Chancery and responsible for Political and Consular Divisions.
1991–1993	Counsellor, Embassy of India, Tripoli. Functioned as Deputy Chief of Mission.
1994	Attended Training Course at the National Defence College, New Delhi.
1995–1996	Director, Ministry of External Affairs, in charge of Communication Division and Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer.
1996–present	Counsellor/Minister at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations. Head of the Indian Delegation to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

Susan M. Shearouse

Current professional experience

United States Department of State
United States Mission to the United Nations

Present	Counsellor for budgetary, financial, administrative, personnel/common system and reform issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds.
1983–1997	Deputy Counsellor/Adviser for budgetary, financial, administrative and personnel/common system issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds.
1983–present	Delegate to the Fifth Committee.
1983–1990 and 1994–present	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1992–present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.
1996–present	Vice-Chairman, Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
1983–1989	Delegate to the Committee on Conferences.
1986–1993	Delegate to the United Nations Children's Fund.
1991–1992	Delegate to the United Nations Development Programme.
1985–1986	Delegate to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for South Africa.

Previous professional experience

Project Director for Employment and Training Program for minorities in New York City, sponsored by the Sheet Metal Workers' Union.

Project Monitor for employment and training programmes funded by the United States Department of Labor.

Education

1976	Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Klaus D. Stein

Born 8 August 1952 in Hanau, Germany.

Married with one child.

Academic background

1986	Dr. jur. (University of Trier, Germany).
1982	Second State Examination in Law.
1979	First State Examination in Law.
1973–1979	Studies of Law at the University of Mainz, Germany.

Current position

April 1997–present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
May 1995–present	Counsellor (finance and management), Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations. Delegate to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. Fifty-first session of the General Assembly Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

Previous professional experience

1992–1995	Deputy Chief of Division, Division for the Preparation of the Federal Budget and Financial Planning, Federal Ministry of Finance. Coordinator for the technical cooperation with countries in transition in the area of public expenditure policy and management.
1990–1992	Economist, Public Expenditure Management Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund.
1985–1990	Various positions in the Budget Department of the German Federal Ministry of Finance.
1982–1985	Assistant Professor (international public law, European law and German constitutional law), University of Trier, Germany.
1980	Trainee, Directorate General I: External Relations, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels.
1979–1982	Various assignments as assistant judge and assistant attorney, Regional Appeal Court Koblenz, Germany, and as assistant legal counsellor to the City of Mainz, Germany.

Other activities

1989–1994 Representative of the German Foundation for International Development at various seminars and conferences on public expenditure policy and management issues in Germany, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania, India and the former Czechoslovakia.

Various publications and lectures in the area of international law and public expenditure policy and management.

Tang Guangting

Male. Born 3 April 1941 in Jiangsu Province, China.

Married.

Education

1964–1967	Post-graduate studies in Beijing University of Foreign Studies, majoring in International Relations and International Law.
1960–1964	Graduate studies in Shanghai Foreign Languages Institute, majoring in English, Politics and Political Economy, etc.

Work experience

January 1996–present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
May 1994–present	Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of the affairs pertaining to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.
Sept. 1990–April 1994	First Secretary and Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations in New York, in charge of the affairs pertaining to the Fifth Committee.
May 1989–Sept. 1990	First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of some of the international organizations such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
July 1985–May 1989	Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations at Geneva, in charge of the affairs of international organizations in Switzerland.
1981–June 1985	Beijing Bureau of the United States "Christian Science Monitor", in charge of secretarial work for the resident correspondent.
1980–1981	Economic and Commercial Section of the United States Embassy in China, in charge of secretarial work for that section.
Jan. 1976–Oct. 1980	Attaché, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the People's Republic of Bangladesh, in charge of secretarial and protocol affairs and information.
Oct. 1971–Dec. 1976	Beijing Bureau of the "Global and Mail" of Toronto, Canada, in charge of secretarial work for the resident correspondent.
Oct. 1967–Oct. 1971	Staff member, Beijing Diplomatic Services Bureau.

Participation in international conferences

All the important conferences of the World Health Organization, ITU, UPU, ICRC, ILO, etc. during his term of office in Geneva from July 1985 to May 1989;

Twentieth Congress of UPU in Washington, D.C., from mid-November to mid-December 1989;

All the meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Fifth Committee during his term of office in the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations in New York from September 1990 to April 1994;

Fourteenth Executive Council meeting of the United Nations Compensation Commission held in Geneva in October 1994.

Nicholas Alan Thorne

Candidate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for election to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Born 31 March 1948 at Margate, England.

Married with two children.

Education

Chatham House Grammar School, University of Westminster
Diploma in Management Studies.

Spoken languages

English and French.

Professional experience

1971–1974	Third Secretary, British Embassy Yaoundé (accredited to Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and the Central African Republic).
1974–1978	United Kingdom Permanent Representation to the European Community in Brussels. Responsible for European Community resources and financing issues. Representative on the European Union Budgetary Committee.
1978–1979	Sabbatical year at University of Westminster. Management Studies (special emphasis on financial issues, accounting and audit standards).
1979–1980	South Pacific Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
1980–1983	First Secretary, United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, New York. Responsible for First Committee issues and certain issues covered by the Security Council.
1983–1987	Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Manila. Responsible for coordinating general, bilateral, political and commercial issues, including finance.
1987–1989	Deputy Head of United Nations Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Responsible for all aspects of Britain's policy towards the United Nations, including financial, administrative and management issues.
1989–1991	Secondment to Thorn EMI Plc (a major communications and high technology multinational). Responsible for advising on potential mergers and acquisitions in Eastern Europe.
1991–1995	Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy Helsinki. Responsible for bilateral, political and commercial issues.

May 1995–present	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations: leader of United Kingdom delegation to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

Fumiaki Toya

Present position

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since January 1997.

Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, in charge of matters before the Fifth Committee, since 1994.

Born 2 September 1957

Academic background

B.A. in Economics, Waseda University, Tokyo, 1981

M.A. in Economics, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, United States, 1984

Professional career

1992–1994	Assistant Counsellor, International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo), in charge of dispatching Japanese peacekeeping contingents and personnel to Cambodia, Mozambique and Angola.
1990–1992	Deputy Director, First African Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), in charge of formulating Japan's diplomatic policy towards African nations.
1988–1990	Assistant Director, Loan Aid Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), in charge of Japan's economic cooperation, particularly in the area of yen loan.
1986–1988	Assistant Director, Second South-east Asian Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), in charge of formulating Japan's diplomatic policy towards Association of South-East Asian Nations members.
1984–1986	Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, in charge of political and economic sections.
1981–1982	Officer, North-east Asian Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), in charge of Japan's diplomatic policy towards the Republic of Korea and the Korean peninsula.

Gian Luigi Valenza

Ambassador Valenza is currently serving a three-year term on the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

For four successive bienniums (1988–1989, 1990–1991, 1992–1993 and 1994–1995), he held the post of Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). This nine-member Committee advises the Board of FAO and the World Food Programme (WFP) on matters pertaining to budget, external auditing, pensions and other administrative or financial questions.

He has also held the post of Deputy Chairman of the seven-member Juridical and Legal Committee of FAO, which is often called on to examine financial and administrative questions.

In 1994, in the framework of Italy's chairmanship of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), Ambassador Valenza was entrusted with the economic basket and the chairmanship of the Second Economic Forum of Prague (April 1994). He participated in the first part of the recent CSCE Review Conference held in Budapest.

From 1991 to 1994, he held the post of Chairman of the External Audit Committee of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and, during the same period, he was the Head of the Italian delegation for the Third Replenishment of IFAD.

He was a member of the Italian delegation to the 1993 and 1994 sessions of the General Assembly. During that time, he was also Chief of the Italian delegation for the entire five-session cycle of the International Committee for Negotiation on Desertification (Nairobi, Geneva, New York, Geneva, Paris).

From 1988 to 1993, he was Permanent Representative of Italy, with the title and rank of Ambassador, to FAO, IFAD and WFP in Rome. From 1983 to 1988, he was Permanent Representative of Italy, also with the title and rank of Ambassador, to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and to Habitat in Nairobi.

From 1978 to 1983, he was an international officer in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as Assistant Secretary General, where his duties included relations with international organizations (United Nations, Common Market, European Free Trade Agreement, etc.). From 1973 to 1974, he was a member of the Italian delegation to the General Assembly.

From 1973 to 1975, he was the Head of the International Organizations Desk at the General Department of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is also concerned with financial matters at the United Nations (Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions).

During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Valenza has also held posts in France (twice), Pakistan, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Kenya.